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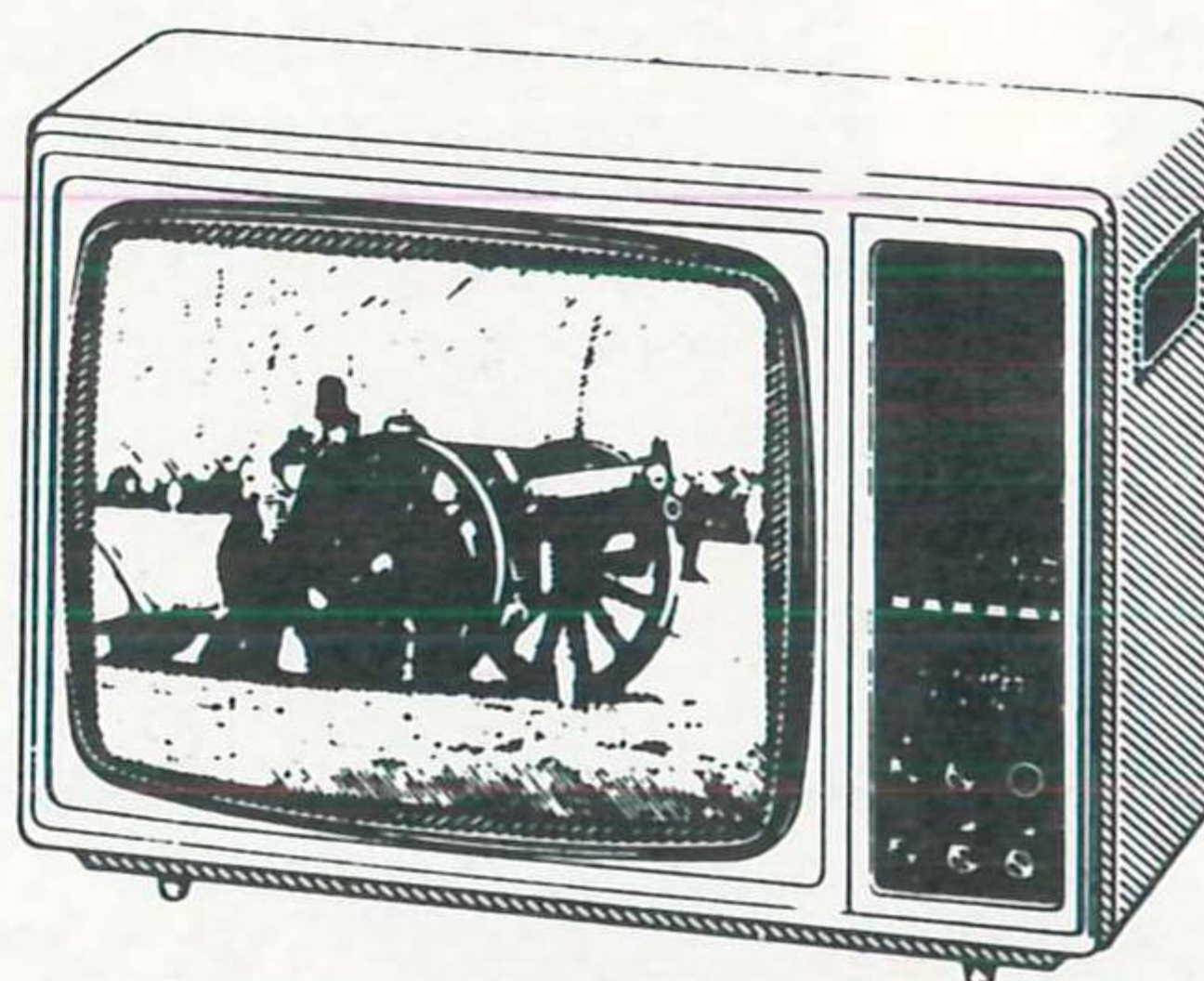
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George Mulhall writes

May I, on behalf of the Management, Directors, players and staff here at Burnden Park, welcome you to today's game, and wish you all the compliments of the season.

It is F.A. Cup time again and I am sure we are in for an exciting match in the true tradition of this famous competition. Our under soil heating system ensured that the pitch was in good condition once again, just as for the previous home game against Charlton Athletic and Blackburn Rovers from which we picked up four valuable points.

But spare a thought for our opponents, Derby, who have not played since December 4th, because of the big freeze.

I am not sure whether that is to their advantage or not. There are two schools of thought — either they are rusty, or they're hungry.

Getting back to that Blackburn game, I am sure you enjoyed it, but I thought it a great pity we came away with only the one point. I think we showed great character in the second half to come from behind and I thought we deserved to win the match.

Blackburn caused us one or two problems, I admit that we had the better chances to score the winner, but it wasn't to be. Nevertheless there were encouraging signs and bodes well 1982.

But once again we were rocked by the injury jinx which has plagued us all season. We had to make changes because Ian Bailey had returned to Middlesbrough after his month here on loan, and young Wayne Foster pulled out with a calf injury just before the game.

Then with the game only a matter of minutes old we lost Len Cantello with a hamstring injury.

That is certainly one of the factors I hope will change with the arrival of the new year, when I am banking on our recent improved form taking us out of the relegation zone.

However, for this week the League takes a back seat and our minds turn to the cup.

I hope Derby and ourselves serve up some New Year cheer today, and that you all enjoy the game. Starting 1982 in a happy frame of mind.

Thanks

Devoted Wanderers fans answered our call over Christmas for volunteers to clear parts of the terrace of snow and ice ready for our game against Blackburn on Monday.

Once again, our under soil heating system did the trick, keeping the pitch in perfect condition. But the problem was how we could accommodate the large numbers of Blackburn supporters.

For the Charlton game, nine days earlier, we hadn't bothered to clear the snow and ice from the embankment. But this was a task we had to tackle if the "Derby" match crowd was to be accommodated in comfort and safety.

A couple of dozen volunteers rallied to the call and turned up on Saturday morning and set to clearing the terracing. Some even returned on Sunday to finish the job off.

Secretary, Des McBain said the response to the Clubs call for help was "fabulous".

It was important that we got a large section of the embankment clear for the Blackburn supporters. We would like to offer our heart felt thanks to those who came to help, and put their backs into some very hard work.

"Unfortunately, to allow the necessary segregation, we had to inconvenience our own regular fans who stand on the embankment. We would like to offer our sincerest apologies to those people who had to move to other sections of the ground, but it is hoped they understood the situation."

Doctor

The deepest sympathies of everyone here at Burnden Park go out to the family of Dr. James Taylor Young, who died suddenly at his Blackburn Road surgery on December 21st.

Native of Scotland, Dr. Young was a popular figure here at Burnden Park where he was one of our medical officers. He will be sadly missed.

It was a standing mark of respect when the spectators and players stood in silence before the game against Blackburn on Monday to honour his contribution to the Club.

Tickets

Because of recently introduced Football Association regulations governing all Chelsea's away games from now until the end of the season our league match here at Burnden Park on January 16th will be all ticket.

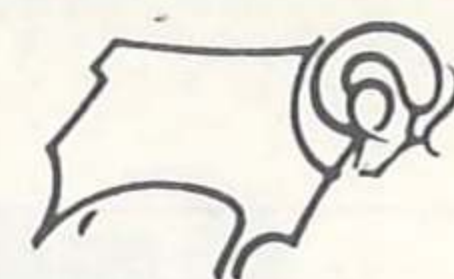
We are unable to sell any tickets on the day of the match for any section of the ground, so fans wishing to see the game must purchase their tickets no later than Friday 15th January.

To give people every opportunity to obtain match tickets, our ticket office here at Burnden will remain open until 8.00 p.m. on that day.

Normal match day prices will be in operation and, of course, season ticket holders will not be affected.

FRONT COVER: Tony Henry scores first goal against Charlton.

DERBY COUNTY



Back Row Steve Emery, Steve Spooner, Tony Reid, Kevin Wilson, Frank Sheridan.

Standing John Newman (Assistant Manager), Mick Coop, Paul Emson, Roger Jones, Steve Cherry, Yaka Banovic, John Clayton, Alan Ramage, Gordon Guthrie (Physiotherapist).

Front Row Wayne Richards, Glen Skivington, Steve Powell (Captain), Colin Addison (Manager), David Swindlehurst, Kevin Hector, Keith Osgood (now Orient).

DERBY NEED CUP RUN TO BOOST FUNDS

By TONY PULLEIN

Derby County's sagging fortunes, both on and off the field, have been widely publicised over the past few months and added considerably to the already weighty problems upon the shoulders of manager Colin Addison.

As he has seen the Rams sink down the Second Division table, Mr Addison had been hoping to go into the transfer market. "I can't just sit here and do nothing while I wait to get the sack," he said last month.

Unfortunately, Derby's finances are such that they cannot buy until they first sell existing staff. Mr Addison reluctantly agreed to sell striker David Swindlehurst back to his old club Crystal Palace in the hope of re-investing much of the £475,000 in new players.

Another snag was that the club's bankers wanted to use all the cash to set off against their overdraft. In the end, however, Palace called off the deal anyway.

This means that today's F.A. Cup tie takes on added importance for The Rams. Having been eliminated at the first stage of the League Cup by West Ham (2-5 on aggregate), Derby's only means of raising extra cash would depend upon a good run in this competition.

They have a moderate away record. As they

went into the holiday games, Derby looked back on away League victories at Cambridge (2-1) and Crystal Palace (1-0) and a draw at Sheffield Wednesday (1-1).

Defeats were suffered at Shrewsbury (1-4), Charlton (1-2), Newcastle (0-3), Luton (2-3), Norwich (1-4) and Cardiff (0-1).

Derby County, who won the F.A. Cup in 1946 and who were beaten in three previous finals, were last relegated from the First Division in 1980. They made a bold bid to regain their place at the first attempt last season but a dropped point at Cardiff in their penultimate match killed their hopes and they eventually finished sixth.

Since then the club's financial plight has led to take-over bids and all the uncertainty at The Baseball Ground has been reflected in the team's performances. Mr Addison juggled with various combinations and he used a total of 21 players in their first 18 Second Division games. Mick Coop, a summer signing from Coventry, was the only ever-present player.

Derby fans have had precious little success to savour, either in the League or Cups, since the Rams won their second League Championship in 1975 to qualify for the European Cup. Last season they disappeared at the first stage of both knockout competitions.

Like many of the old-established League clubs, of course, Derby have suffered long voids without success in the past. The club was founded in 1884 and was one of the founder members of the Football League in 1888.

Up until the second World War they moved quite regularly between the top two divisions but it wasn't until 1946 that they won the F.A. Cup for what is still the only time in their history. They had been beaten in previous finals in 1898, 1899 and 1903.

With such players as Raich Carter and Peter Docherty, Derby enjoyed a few eventful years immediately after the last war but, by 1953, their great decline had begun. Two years later the Rams fell into the Third Division (North) for the first time.

It took them two years to work their way out of that division and they then spent a dozen more years building for their return to the First Division in 1969. Three years later they won the League Championship for the first time. They repeated that success three years later.

Those titles were gained during the managership of Brian Clough and Dave Mackay. Since then Derby have switched managers regularly. Colin Murphy and Tommy Docherty came and went and Colin Addison inherited enormous problems when he took over in July 1979.

Not surprisingly, relegation followed a year later but the board, recognising that Mr Addison could in no way be held responsible, gave the manager its complete backing.

The safeguarding of the club's Second Division status is now Mr Addison's prime objective. The situation, though uncomfortable, is not yet desperate and if he can negotiate for the new players he feels are necessary Mr Addison has every chance of leading the Rams to a position of safety.

Today, however, the tension can be lifted as Derby fight for a little bit of Cup glory — and an injection of cash.

ROGER JONES (Goalkeeper). Roger joined Derby from Stoke for £20,000 during the 1980 close-season. A one-time Portsmouth junior, Roger moved on to Bournemouth and won an England under-23 cap whilst with the Cherries. Blackburn signed him for £30,000 in 1970. He was transferred to Newcastle in 1976 and to Stoke a year later.

STEVE POWELL (Defender). Steve joined Derby as a schoolboy and served his apprenticeship with the club. He made his first appearance in their League eleven in 1972 and has been a fixture in the side ever since. Steve is a former England under-23 international.

STEVE BUCKLEY (Defender). Steve grew up with Luton Town and made his League bow for the Hatters in 1974. He won an immediate first-team spot and went on to make 123 League appearances before moving on to Derby for £150,000 in 1978.

WAYNE RICHARDS (Defender). Wayne was given his first run in the Rams' League eleven in their final First Division game of 1979/80 at Norwich. He came on as substitute that day. Now he has been settling down at left-back.

FRANK SHERIDAN (Defender). Frank made his League bow against Q.P.R. at the Baseball Ground in October 1980 and he has been called up again on several subsequent occasions. He has recently been settling in at centre-back.

ALAN RAMAGE (Defender). Alan is a dual sportsman, having been a fast bowler with Yorkshire C.C.C. He began his League career with Middlesbrough in 1976 and he was transferred to Derby for £150,000 in 1980.

MICK COOP (Defender/Midfield). Mick took up a new challenge when he joined Derby in the summer. In 15 seasons at Coventry, he had made well over 400 League appearances and felt he needed a change. Though he has spent most of his career as a right-back, he has been sometimes included in midfield for Derby.

STEVE EMERY (Midfield). Steve became the first apprentice signed by Hereford United after they had gained admission to the Football League. He went on to make more than 200 League appearances for the Edgar Street club before being signed by Derby for £100,000 two seasons ago.

BARRY POWELL (Midfield). Barry is another former England under-23 cap who kicked off his professional career with Wolves. He made 64 League appearances prior to his move to Coventry in 1975. He signed for Derby two seasons ago.

PAUL EMSON (Midfield). Paul joined Derby from non-league Brigg Town for £5,000 and was given a few outings in their First Division side in 1979/80. He began to play regularly in the side two seasons ago.

TONY REID (Midfield). Tony celebrated his League debut by scoring in Derby's 3-1 victory over Chelsea in November 1980 when he was called on as substitute.

GLEN SKIVINGTON (Midfield). Glen was signed from Alliance League Barrow for £25,000 during the 1980 close-season and introduced to the Rams' League eleven last season.

KEVIN HECTOR (Forward). Kevin first joined Derby in 1966 after leading Bradford P.A.'s scoring list for four successive seasons. He was on four occasions the Rams' leading scorer and he won two England caps before leaving the Baseball Ground in 1977 to sign for Vancouver Whitecaps. He re-joined the Rams last season.

DAVID SWINDLEHURST (Forward). David signed for Derby from Crystal Palace for £400,000 towards the end of the 1979/80 season after a successful loan spell. An England under-21 international, David was Palace's top scorer in four of his five seasons in the first-team and he led the way at Derby last season.

KEVIN WILSON (Forward). Kevin joined Derby from Banbury United in December 1979 and was given his first run in their League eleven during the closing weeks of 1979/80. He has been included quite often at centre-forward this season.

JOHN CLAYTON (Forward). John got one outing in Derby's League eleven three seasons ago but it wasn't until November last season that he was recalled to play against Cambridge. He has been scoring consistently since his recall this term.

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Club Scene

"Previous Cup Meetings"

by Simon Marland

Today's meeting with Derby will be the fourth time we have been drawn together in the F.A. Cup. All the previous games were before the first world war, in 1897 Derby won a 2nd round tie 4-1 and in 1901 the Wanderers won a 1st round tie 1-0. The last F.A. Cup meeting was in the 1904 semi-final at Wolverhampton. Derby had been three times finalists in the previous ten years and Bolton were having an indifferent season in the 2nd Division. Taylor scored the winning goal for Bolton 13 minutes from time to put them in the final for what was the second time in their history. Unfortunately they were defeated by Manchester City at Crystal Palace before 62,000 spectators through a disputed goal from Billy Meredith.

The most memorable cup tie of recent times was in the 5th round of the 1976/77 League Cup. The Wanderers went to the Baseball Ground and defeated Derby (then in the First Division) 2-1 with goals from Whatmore and Morgan after George had given them the lead from the penalty spot . . .

Footnote This is the first time since 1975 that the Wanderers have been drawn at home in a 3rd round tie . . .

RESERVE REPORT

The reserves stay anchored at the foot of the Central League but during November their form did take a turn for the better after picking up only one point from the first nine games.

The first victories of the season were won over Preston at Burnden (2-1) and Burnley at Turf Moor (3-1) and they were very unlucky to lose by the odd goal in seven at Huddersfield.

Since then the injuries that have ravaged the club have badly affected the team with youth players and schoolboys drafted in. Five defeats in succession culminating in a 7-1 defeat at Aston Villa have left them adrift but only experience at this level will help what must be the youngest Wanderers reserve side for many a year. . .

Goalscorers to date. . . Langley 5, Nikolic 3, Carter 3, Thomas 2, Mulligan 2, Gratton, C. Thompson, Rudge, Saunders, Taylor.

'FA Youth Cup exit'

The Wanderers Youth Team went down 2-0 to Leeds at Elland Road in a second round replay. They were still deadlocked at the end of 90 minutes but during the first period of extra time Leeds struck with goals from Percival and Hill. The Wanderers best chances fell to Dave Fitzharris and

Simon Rudge but were thwarted by the fine form of Leeds' keeper Seaman. A mention also for Simon Farnworth the Wanderers keeper whose fine saves kept the Wanderers in the game during normal time. . .

ENROLMENTS

On Monday January 11th at 6.30 in the Executive club we shall be holding our enrolment night for 1982.

Membership is unchanged at £1.50 for which you get regular meetings, Football matches, the chance to be the teams mascot, your own "Family Day" in August and a Xmas party. Why not give it a go you won't regret it!

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Today's mascot is 10 year old LEE TAYLOR.

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ROY CAVANAGH.

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NO MINISTER!

AN APPEAL by Bert Millichip, chairman of the Football Association for "Government intervention on a large scale" in the campaign to combat hooliganism met with abject failure.

Sickened as all true lovers of our national pastime have been for many years now, by the moronic and senseless behaviour of loutish thugs, mindlessly proclaiming their allegiance to the game they are slowly killing, by spreading mahem and havoc across the Continent — Mr. Millichip is understandably deeply concerned.

"Why should we be ashamed of being British" he rightly challenges. As one who has experienced the guilt feeling following the riot in Turin in 1980 when England met Belgium in the European Championship and later in Basle when violence erupted last summer as Switzerland beat England, I sympathise deeply with the chairman's frustration.

The point is that the whole dilemma is way out of the control of football administrators simply because the "FA has insufficient muscle to act further on its own."

Whether we like it or not the Government must stop burying its head in the sand. The problem is a social one and it hasn't gone away nor will it until positive action is implemented.

Perhaps the Sports Minister Neil Macfarlane and his colleagues have never encountered a horde of bare chested bover boys draped in filthy Union Jacks venting their uncontrolled and ferocious aggression upon the innocent inhabitants of foreign towns and villages. It is not a pretty sight.

FRIGHTENING

Girls and women are mollested, children terrorised. I witnessed an incident in a park in Basle hours before the World Cup qualifying match kicked off, when three skinheads, bare to the mid-riff and shouting obscene slogans, descended on a man and a woman with a small child and ripped the child's ball away to then run off and commence a game of football on the other side of the park. Do we really wish to subject the Spanish at the height of their tourist season to such acts of depravity?

Macfarlane says he is anxious to solve the problem but as usual his actions do not support his words. The Sports Minister's answer is to increase the staff at the consulate in Spain and he says: "The Foreign Office will publish a booklet of do's and don'ts which will be circulated to everyone going to Spain." Just who do the ministry think they are dealing with . . . a Sunday school outing!

He added: "We want to see crowd segregation at matches and the appointment of liaison officers in all the Spanish regions by the World soccer body." If that is not passing the buck then I don't know what is.

Either the Government are not fully conversant with the cancer in their midst or they are not interested, or even worse powerless to contain it never mind control it. Whichever conclusion you draw the consequences are frightening.

Bert Millichip, who is a lawyer, has asked for stern action and requested the Government to withdraw passports from fans who have misbehaved abroad. To my mind that does not go far enough. Any person found guilty of hooliganism over the past two seasons should be barred from travelling to Spain during the period of the World Cup Finals.

MORALITY

Of course to suggest such a thing is to evoke the wroth of those defenders of civil liberty. But what about the liberty of decent folk? Surely the fact that a lot of parents are afraid to take youngsters to football matches because of the violence of a minority amounts to the same thing — the prevention of ordinary people doing what they want to do because of the vicious few.

Of course to ban the thugs from leaving our shores would require a change in the Laws and many see this as a dangerous precedent. If it starts there where does it end is the question . . . before long we could find ourselves in a police state.

One can understand the caution, but in all honesty is it moral to unleash packs of marauding mindless idiots on the subjects of a friendly nation?

Of course not. British football's administrators know it, all sane thinking people know it and yet the Government refuses to accept liability. Neil Macfarlane's contribution would be laughable were the implications not so serious. If strong preventive action is not instituted then the riotous rowdies will ruin a momentous footballing occasion. The activities of Ron Greenwood and his team will be lost beneath the volumes of outrage . . . and the end result could be the banning of England and English clubs from European and international competitions.

Is that really acceptable by the majority? Even non-footballing patriots I am sure would be appalled to think that their country should be cast out by the rest of the world because of the degrading violations of common dignity by some of their so called supporters. But that deplorable deprivation is far too close to reality as the situation now stands. Concrete and positive action is called for before it is too late. The Government must ban the trash from Spain.

COLIN BENSON



Bulldog Bobby the FA's World Cup mascot has an all too striking resemblance to some of the thugs who will invade Spain!

LEE CHAPMAN

SHRUGS OFF THAT UNFASHIONABLE TAG

It was perhaps inevitable that the son of a Lincoln City professional footballer, born in Scorers Street, Lincoln, should some 21 years later turn out to be one of the country's most exciting young strikers.

Lee Chapman who is now rattling in goals as though there were no tomorrow, was certainly raised in a footballing environment and the step towards making it his full time career seemed a natural progression.

The youngster first joined Stoke City as an Associated Schoolboy and was rewarded with his first professional forms in June 1978, when still only a very raw 18.

"I have steadily improved every season," he proudly boasts "my control is getting better, my overall ability is getting better, my heading is getting better and hopefully my goalscoring is getting better.

"But although I feel I am improving all the time there is still a lot to do and I am working hard at my game trying to improve every facet. I suppose my left foot is one area which I have worked on more than any but in general I do not concentrate on one specific area. I am looking for all round improvement.

Standing 6' 1½" and a natural athlete, it was not long before young Lee forced his way into contention for a first team place. The big moment of selection came on October 2, 1979 when he replaced Brendan O'Callaghan in the number nine shirt for the Football League Cup Third Round replay match at Swindon Town. It was a night of mixed feelings for the talented debut boy, for he scored early in the second-half, but it was not enough to prevent Swindon winning 2-1.

REGULAR

Lee had to wait four months for his next taste of the big time, four months to the day in fact when on February 2, 1980 he stepped out for his First Division baptism at the Victoria Ground against Bristol City. The Potters won 1-0 and Lee had done enough to keep his place for the next game at Crystal Palace. This time he scored what was to prove the only goal of the match . . . Lee Chapman had arrived.

He finished the season with three goals in 14 appearances and then last season established himself as Stoke's regular centre forward, missing just one game against Coventry City. But what was even more encouraging was his call-up into the England Under-21 side for the international against the Republic of Ireland at Anfield last February.

"That was a marvellous experience," recalls Lee. "I must admit that I have been a bit disappointed that I have not been included in the squad this year but that has not deterred me in any way, I am still looking to be selected at any international level . . . I just have to keep on improving.

"Stoke City are not a fashionable club and this is half the problem really. You have to do something tremendously outstanding to be noticed and that is a little unfair. Unfortunately we have been branded with this image of being a dour defensive outfit which is

quite untrue these days, but it is always hard to live down a reputation. The trouble is when it comes to representative honours it is the Liverpool's and Manchester United's of this world who catch the eye.

"It is a gross injustice though to label the current Stoke side as boring. At times this season we have been too positive for our own good. Our manager Richie Barker has encouraged us to get forward and take chances and this has sometimes led to us losing games which we should not have lost.

"Not that I am grumbling, I think it is great. It certainly helps my cause as a striker. Last season I was a lonely sole on many occasions, stuck up front by myself without much chance of scoring.

NATURAL GIFT

"But the fact that I have played in very few dull boring games this season is an indication that we are attacking much more because it takes two teams to make a good game. And it is not only Stoke who are placing more emphasis on attack, I think it is a general trend throughout the First Division. Most of our games have been attacking games with people pushing forward to try and win.

"I don't think this has resulted in many more goals being scored, but the general idea has definitely been more positive because of the three points for a win. Why there are not that many more goals I don't know. I can't answer for other players I can only speak for myself but maybe we don't spend enough time working on shooting skills in this country. On the continent they do a lot more shooting from further out — 30 or 40 yards or so — which we don't even attempt. We have got the players with the ability, it is just a matter of encouraging them to do it."

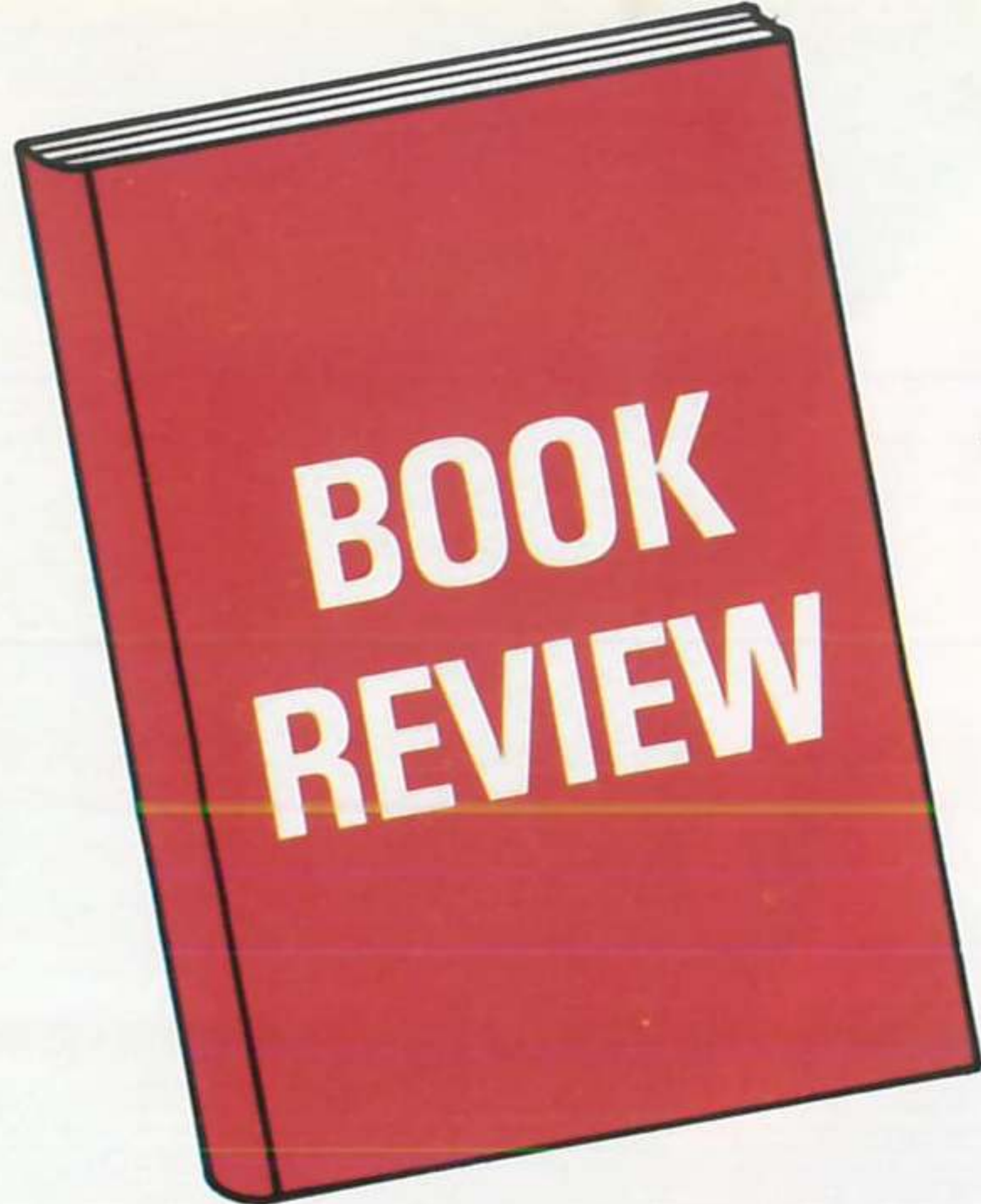
One of the major factors in Lee's form which netted him 14 goals in the opening 15 games this season has been his partnership with the diminutive Adrian Heath.

"Yes I think Adrian's best position is as a striker alongside me. He is only 5' 5" and he feeds off me as the target man and this works well between us. We complement each other nicely and when you are working as a pair you create opportunities for each other. We create openings and work off each other effectively.

"Sometimes however Adrian is played wide for tactical reasons and I am left up front by myself which is very hard. We did this at Coventry and did not create anything which can be very disheartening. But overall I am pleased with my progress and hope to continue to develop into a much better player."

Lee has a natural gift for goals and that is a priceless asset. But he has not just burst onto the football scene, it has been a steady and encouraging progression. Last term he netted 17 League goals and two in the cups and if he continues to maintain his current development then LEE CHAPMAN could be a name to look out for when England contest the European Championship in 1984.





John Nolan takes a look at some books which will be of interest to football enthusiasts.

TREVOR BROOKING: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

by Trevor Brooking in collaboration with Brian Scovell
Published by Pelham Books £6.95.

This is a refreshing insight into Trevor Brooking's own football world. He arrived late in the game, yet has enjoyed 16 years as a professional with many fond memories. Like the gentleman he is, most of his stories tell about the good side of football although he does recall the bribes offered to his father as an incentive for him to sign for certain clubs when he was a youngster.

It is not all glamour, Trevor has lived the bad times as well, like in 1971 when he was out of the side and his wife hid from the window cleaner because she was so short of money.

We learn about the inside story of why Ron Greenwood agreed that it would be best for him to leave West Ham, and learn Trevor's views on the issues facing the modern game. He pulls no punches and is quick to criticise the way boys are developed in this country with the emphasis on "work, chase and harry."

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HODDLE- *the enigma*

ONE OF THE BIGGEST ENIGMA'S IN ENGLISH FOOTBALL is the failure of Glenn Hoddle to establish himself as a regular international performer.

Since he made his England debut against Bulgaria in November 1979, the Tottenham Hotspur maestro has made only eight appearances for his country, despite the fact that he is probably the most naturally gifted player in the British Isles.

His ability to control, caress and pass a ball is second to none and when it comes to technique he far outshines Ardiles and Villa his two illustrious Argentinian team mates. In short he is potentially the most exciting player in the country and certainly the one most likely to become world class if given the chance.

His last appearance in an England shirt was the debacle of Oslo when he was brought off against Norway — some believe unfairly because even during this disgraceful team performance Hoddle had created three good openings which is more than could be said for some of his colleagues.

"The Norway game was an unhappy experience for me and although it is too late to do anything about it now, I wish I could have reproduced my best form in that game" says the Tottenham stylist.

THE BOSS

Glenn's manager Keith Burkinshaw has some positive thoughts on why his golden boy has not lived up to his reputation at this level and explains: "Football is all about confidence and looking at Glenn in the Oslo game it was obvious that he had no confidence at all.

"Glenn needs to be running things. That is how it is when he plays for us, he is the one who orchestrates the Tottenham team and he knows he is the leader even though we have some great players in the team.

"He needs that responsibility if he is going to be a player and somehow I don't feel that he assumes that role in the national side. I am not too sure why but it could be because



he does not think that he is capable of doing this for England.

"It is a pity for until he gets it into his head that he is the one who is going to do it for England we will not see him at his best. It is up to Glenn, he is the only one who can go out there and prove it on the field. All the talking in the world will not help unless he decides to show everyone that he is a really good midfield player at international level. If he does not do this then he will never realise his potential."

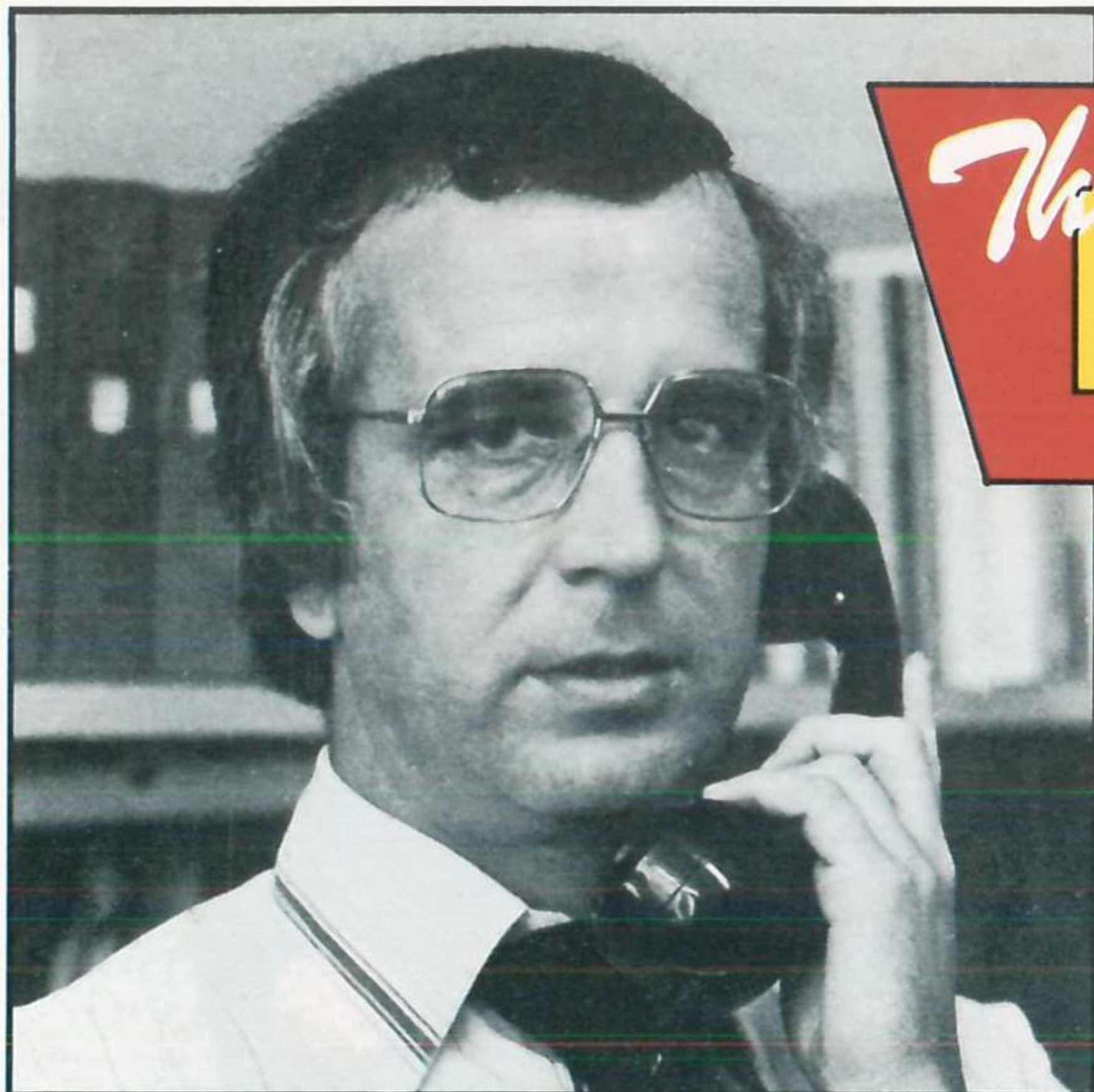
CONUNDRUM

That would be a tragedy for Hoddle and English football which is crying out for a super-star image. But it is not that simple as Glenn reveals when he says: "It is more a mental problem than anything. I don't really feel at home in the England team and I think that is partly because I have played so few games.

"It is a similar experience to that you undergo when as a youngster you are breaking into the club team and you perhaps hang back a little. That is the problem I am experiencing at the moment in the England team."

It is a frustrating conundrum for Ron Greenwood and Glenn Hoddle to ponder over but one that must be solved if England are to fully benefit from the Spurs star's undoubted ability.

Hoddle is still only 24 and so we can talk of him in terms of the next two world cups and perhaps a sustained run in the England team might just establish him as the key figure for 1982.



The PAUL PARISH page

THE AGE OF EXPERIENCE

THE great debate over Dave Watson's absence from the heart of England's defence raged on long after England had finally established their place in the World Cup Finals.

Watson's presence at the centre of England's back line had been a reassuring sight for a number of years. But eventually time had caught up with one of the country's most consistent servants.

Dropped by his club Southampton, to spend his time playing in the Football Combination, Watson was, nevertheless, included in Ron Greenwood's squad for the decisive match with Hungary.

Most expected Watson, now 35 and desperately short of big match practice, to be employed on the grounds of experience. In the event Greenwood decided on the relatively untried promise of West Ham's Alvin Martin.

Yet what really cost Watson his chance? Was it his age or was it the fact that he wasn't a regular in Southampton's first team?

Age, I don't believe, came into the final reckoning. Manager Greenwood has never been the type to cast a man aside simply on the grounds that he is well past thirty.

Greenwood's philosophy was ably summed up on the morning after the Hungarian night before when he met the press for his usual breakfast-time talk-in.

Said Greenwood: "Few teams have won major trophies with an entirely young team, while some have had success with old ones.

"Though the team that carried us to Spain is basically composed of older players there is plenty of youth in the squad.

"I want to keep the basis of a settled side," he added. "And introduce players gradually to see if they can establish themselves. I want a balanced blend between experience and youth."

ON THE BALL

The inference was there for all to see — age will not matter if a player is still good enough.

Coincidentally, I was at Southampton a few days after the England v Hungary match and watched as Kevin Keegan, one of England's particularly successful 30-plus brigade, was upstaged by a veteran of the 1966 World Cup triumph, Alan Ball.

Bally is now 36 and admits: "I don't make so many forward runs as I used to. I try to keep my football simple and I try not to get exposed for pace."

There was a mischievous twinkle in the little man's eye when he was asked whether he considered whether he could still do a job for England. "I haven't seen a lot better around," he grinned.

It was a point that had already been taken up by Saints boss, Lawrie McMenemy, who has never shunned the chance to buy top class experience. Watson, of course, is another man who was brought to The Dell well after the age of 30 and McMenemy was prepared to back his centre half for the job against Hungary even though he had only been playing for his own reserve side.

Keegan was another player of vast experience lured to Southampton, and Ball is currently in his second stay at the club. He tried management at Blackpool and while that didn't work out McMenemy didn't have any hesitation in resigning the impish midfielder.

Much the same can be said of Mike Channon, who spent a few years away at Manchester City before being restored to the Southampton playing staff.

"You know me," said McMenemy. "I've never been afraid to go out and buy players when they are over 30.

"Those people who talk about players being

too old should have been here today and seen that performance by Bally.

REASSURANCE

"There's been a great deal of pressure on Ron Greenwood to get rid of his over 30s. But just because a player has reached that age it doesn't suddenly mean he's no good any more."

For men like Keegan and Trevor Brooking or goalkeepers Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton that is very reassuring talk — if they needed reassurance, that is.

And like Greenwood said, most of the successful sides have players of considerable experience in vital positions.

Of course, that all happened in the week that Northern Ireland, too, qualified for the World Cup Finals. That really is a superb achievement for Billy Bingham's boys and everyone in football shed a particular smile of approval for Arsenal goalkeeper Pat Jennings, who will take his remarkable ability to the biggest stage in the business next year.

Jennings, the gentle Irishman, will be 36 when Northern Ireland open up their World Cup bid in Spain. His reaction to the success was wholly expected.

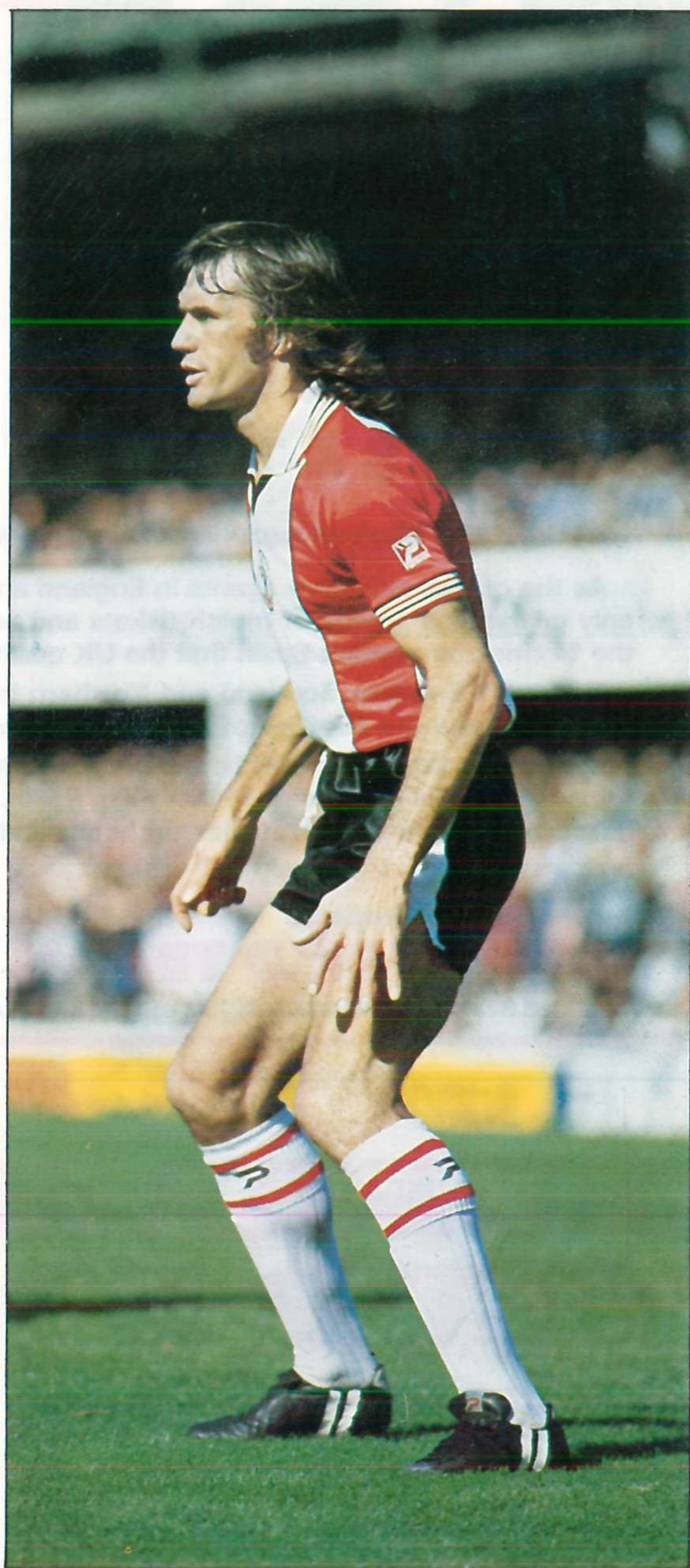
"I thought I would never get there," he said. "I have had so many disappointments in my international career but I knew we would never have a better chance than we had in this group."

"I have had some great moments with both Tottenham and Arsenal but not much that beats the feeling of going to the World Cup."

Jennings is Northern Ireland's international caps record holder. In 17 years at the top he has played for his country on 89 occasions — and has never been anything less than a supreme sportsman.

Above all Jennings has remained at the top of his profession and age hasn't come into it. Perhaps goalkeepers are in a more specialised position but they still have to maintain speed of reflex and movement if they are to stay at the top.

England and Northern Ireland will go to Spain with experience in their ranks . . . and that, I suggest, is a comforting thought.



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Blackpool	3-0	3-2
Burnley	0-1	0-2
Cardiff	0-0	2-2
Charlton	3-2	0-2
Chelsea	2-5	2-3
Everton	2-0	0-0
Huddersfield	1-0	0-2
Leicester	4-1	0-4
Manchester City	2-2	2-4
Manchester United	1-1	1-1
Newcastle	2-1	0-0
Portsmouth	3-1	0-1
Preston	2-1	2-2
Sheffield United	1-0	0-2
Sheffield Wednesday	2-2	2-3
Sunderland	3-0	1-1
Tottenham	1-2	0-2
W.B.A.	2-4	0-0
Wolves	6-1	2-1

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Rd. 3—	Millwall (h)	3-1
4—	Birmingham (a)	1-2

LEAGUE SCORERS

Lofthouse	15	Parry	9
Moir	8	Hassall	8
Webster	7	Barrass	5
Wheeler	3	Stevens	3
Edwards	1	Bell	1
Allcock	1	Holden	1

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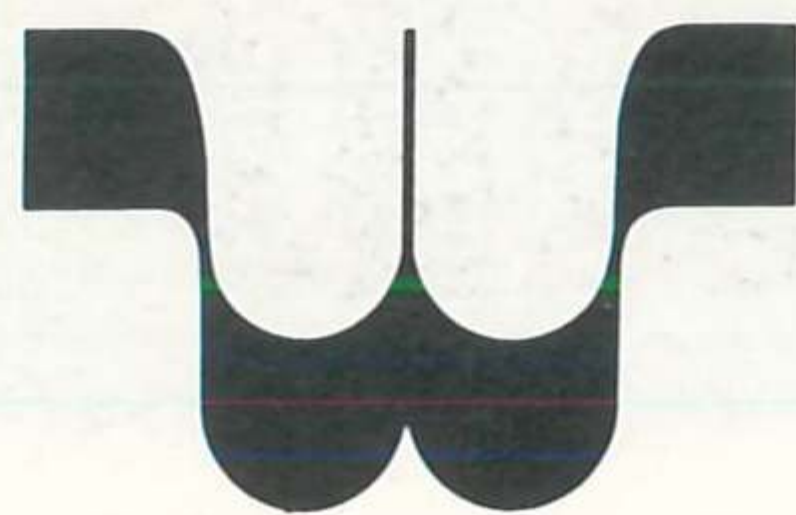
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Hassall H. W.	24	Hennin D.	9
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Lofthouse N.	31	Moir W.	32
Neil T. K.	3	Parry R. A.	28
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Webster H.	21	Wheeler J. E.	34

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Sunderland	42	15	18	9	64	54	48
Manchester Utd.	42	20	7	15	84	74	47
Aston Villa	42	20	7	15	72	73	47
Manchester City	42	18	10	14	76	69	46
Newcastle Utd.	42	17	9	16	89	77	43
Arsenal	42	17	9	16	69	63	43
Burnley	42	17	9	16	51	48	43
Everton	42	16	10	16	62	68	42
Huddersfield	42	14	13	15	63	68	41
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Charlton	42	15	10	17	76	75	40
Tottenham	42	16	8	18	72	73	40
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Blackpool	42	14	10	18	60	64	38
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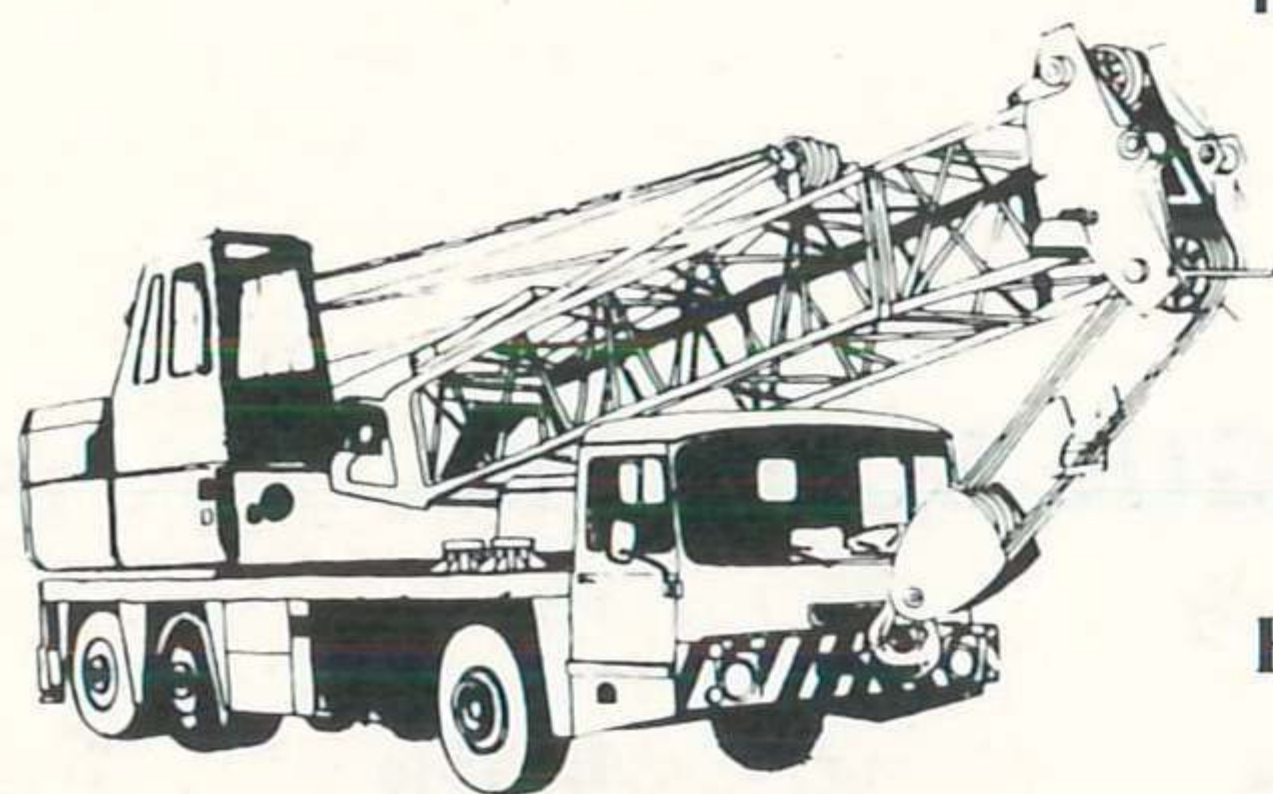
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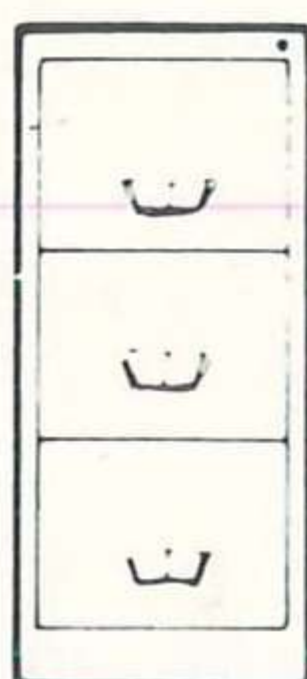
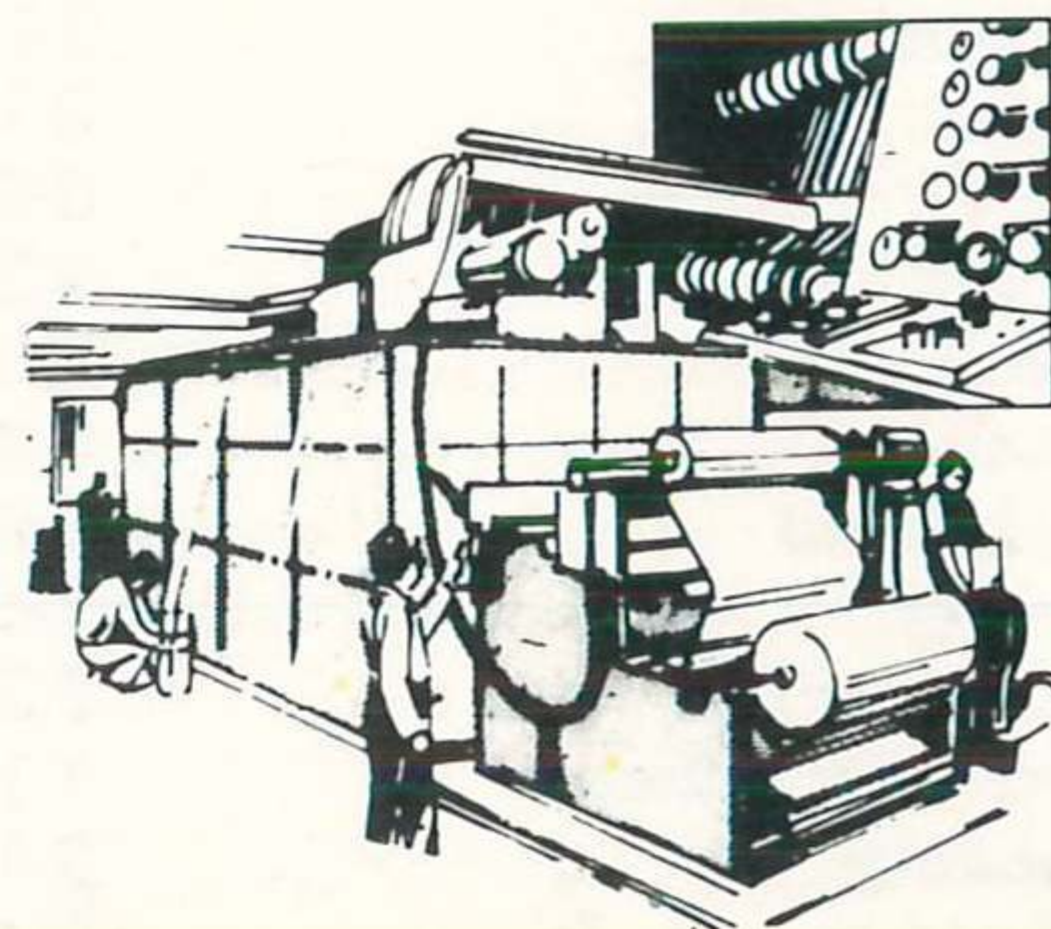
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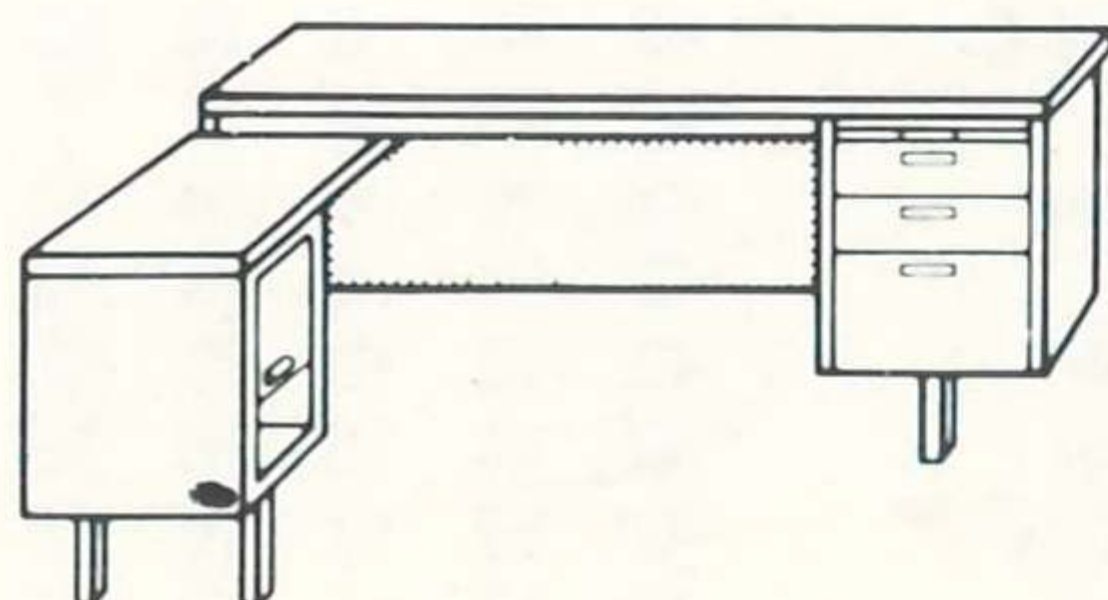
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Burnden Park NEWS



by MARTIN TYLER

Liverpool's defeat by Flamengo of Brazil in the World Club Championship will inevitably lead to debate about the relative merits of the British and South American techniques.

"Why can't we match the skills of Zico, Junior and company?" It was a common response to Flamengo's 3-0 triumph in Japan. The abilities of our top professionals were once again called into question.

I believe, however, that comparisons are irrelevant. The Brazilians have their style. We have ours. Both approaches stem from entirely different backgrounds. For the past three years I've been fortunate enough to be asked to dub English commentaries onto Rio de Janeiro's equivalent of Match Time. From watching their big games regularly it's easier to understand why their players have a greater mastery of certain techniques.

As youngsters, the Brazilians learn

their skills — not in the back yards — but on the soft sands of beaches like Copacabana. Their pitches are baked hard and rutted by the sun. On both surfaces the time that the path of the ball is predictable comes when it is off the ground. Hense superb volleying and one-touch control.

The British game has different virtues — more developed team play, for example. Not so glamorous perhaps but as much a part of football's blue print. The truth of the day in Tokyo was that Flamengo played well and Liverpool did not. Deeper analysis is futile.

Bill Taylor would have loved that Flamengo performance. His tragically premature death robbed us of a man who represented everything good about the game. Bill was respected and admired by all who met him. A man of integrity with a twinkling sense of humour. A true friend.

I was fortunate to share some of the high spots of his career, notably Fulham's romantic cavalcade to the 1975 FA Cup Final. Alan Mullery and Bobby Moore captured the headlines as the 'name' players. Alec Stock, that wise war-horse in management, absorbed the public pressure. Behind the scenes Bill Taylor made Fulham play, the coach who brought the very best out of his side's resources.

Bob Lord's passing represented the end of an era, a man of fixed resolve who devoted his life to football. "The Burnley Bulldog" was an apt nickname. He put sharp teeth into his adversaries while constantly defending the two households he served so loyally, Burnley Football Club and the Football League.

It seemed grossly unfair that the game in the north-west should be further deprived when Tranmere Rovers lost Eddie Robertson. A few years ago Eddie warmly welcomed a nervous young commentator who turned up at Prenton Park to work out who was who in a Rovers team that would be televised the following Saturday at Lincoln. He found me a pair of boots and let me join in the training to such an extent that I was made to feel one of the lads. I'll never forget his kindness.

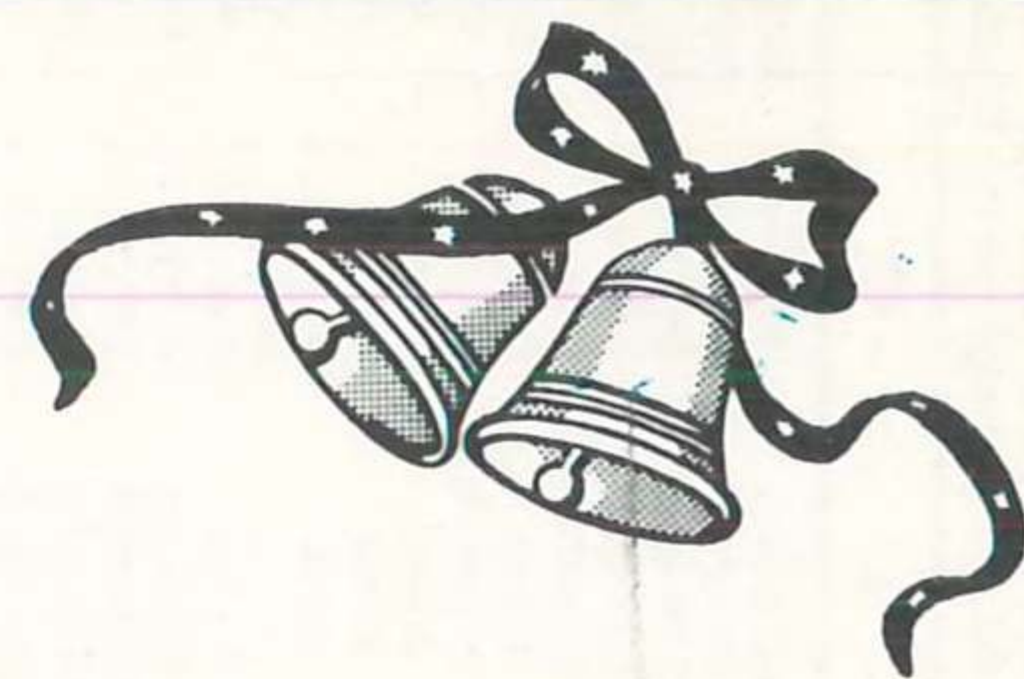
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Sept	LC1 (1L) Oldham	5,156	1	1	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling	Thomas	Kidd ¹	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Thompson
	Luton Town	6,911	2	2	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling	Thomas	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Thompson
	Barnsley	13,844	0	3	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	McElhinney	Jones	Gowling	Thomas	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Thompson
	LC1 (2L) Oldham	4,779	2	4	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	Brennan	Jones	Gowling	Nikolic	Kidd	Hoggan	Thompson ¹	Carter	Berry ¹
	Oldham Athletic	7,222	0	2	McDonagh	Henry	Bennett	Brennan	Jones	Gowling	Thompson	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Carter	Nicholson
	Derby County	12,066	2	0	McDonagh	Nicholson	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney ¹	Gowling	Thompson	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Carter
	Rotherham United	6,998	0	2	Peacock	Jones	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Thompson	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Foster
	Newcastle United	6,429	1	0	Peacock	Jones	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Thompson	Carter	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Foster
Oct.	Grimsby Town	7,217	1	2	Peacock	Jones	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Thompson	Carter	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Thomas ¹
	Leicester City	7,361	0	3	McDonagh	Jones	Bennett	Henry	McElhinney	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Thomas
	Cardiff City	3,879	1	2	McDonagh	Bennett	Brennan	Henry	Jones	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Reid	Hoggan
	Cambridge United	5,751	3	4	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry ²	Jones	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Hoggan	Hoggan	Bennett	Foster
	Norwich City	12,991	0	0	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Henry	Jones	Gowling	Chandler	Kidd	Hoggan	Cantello	Thompson	Thomas
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	Luton Town	8,889	0	2	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bailey	Henry	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Thompson	Hoggan	Cantello	Hoggan	Thompson
	Crystal Palace	8,839	0	1	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bailey	Henry	Jones	Gowling	Chandler	Thompson	Hoggan	Cantello	Hoggan	Thompson
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	Cambridge United (LCF)															
	Norwich City															
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	F.A. Cup Final															

TAKE A TIP – TRY

UNITED KINGS

* UNITED HANDROLLING TOBACCO NOW AVAILABLE!

BURNDEN DATES

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

CHELSEA

SATURDAY 16th JANUARY 1982

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

To be arranged:
Sheffield Wednesday
Wrexham

STATISTICS



GOING BY CAR?
HERE IS YOUR RAC ROUTE TO
THE NEXT AWAY GAME AT
**NEWCASTLE
UNITED**

RAC

BOLTON

A666/M61/M62 (east) (Follow 'Leeds' Signs) to intersection 33, junction with A1 at Knottingley 57 miles A1 north via Scotch Corner then A1(M)/A1 to Newcastle upon Tyne 151 miles

Newcastle United football ground is on the A696, Barrack Road. Entering Newcastle on the A1, continue along High Street, over the Tyne Bridge to a roundabout where you go straight ahead. At the next roundabout take second left into John Dobson Street then left into Northumberland Street. At mini roundabout (Haymarket) turn left into Percy Street, then right at roundabout into Gallowgate and on into Barrack Road. The football ground is on your right.

TODAYS REFEREE

OWEN, DEREK (Wirral). Joined the Football League in 1972 having gained promotion through the Northern Premier, Cheshire County, West Cheshire and Chester Leagues. Refereed the Northern Premier League Challenge Shield in 1976/77. Lined Quarter-Final of Football League Cup in 1973/74 and 1975/76, plus several F.A. Challenge Cup appointments, and also lined a European Cup Quarter Final in 1980.

Keen on most sports with emphasis on physical fitness and takes a keen interest in local Referees' Society and is a member of the Management Committee of the West Cheshire League. Has one son and one daughter and is an inspector with a leading Insurance Company. His wife and family play an active part in many sports.

LINESMEN:
M. J. Carter
(Stoke-on-Trent)
Red Flag
T. Curtis (Sheffield)
Yellow Flag



CENTRAL LEAGUE

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Team Check

Bolton Wanderers

- 1 Jim McDonagh
- 2 Steve Whitworth
- 3 Mike Bennett
- 4 Tony Henry
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Gerry McElhinney
- 7 Jeff Chandler
- 8 Mike Carter
- 9 Alan Gowling
- 10 Len Cantello
- 11 Chris Thompson
- 12

Derby County

- 1 Roger Jones
- 2 Richard Money
- 3 Wayne Richards
- 4 Steve Buckley
- 5 Frank Sheridan
- 6 Barry Powell
- 7 Mick Coop
- 8 Kevin Hector
- 9 Kevin Wilson
- 10 David Swindlehurst
- 11 Paul Emson
- 12

HALF TIME SCOREBOARD

A	BARNET BRIGHTON & HOVE A.		
B	BIRMINGHAM CITY IPSWICH TOWN		
C	COVENTRY CITY SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY		
D	DONCASTER ROVERS CAMBRIDGE UNITED		
E	ENFIELD CRYSTAL PALACE		
F	LEICESTER CITY SOUTHAMPTON		
G	LUTON TOWN SWINDON TOWN		
H	MANCHESTER CITY CARDIFF CITY		
I	NOTTS COUNTY ASTON VILLA		
J	ORIENT CHARLTON ATHLETIC		
K	QUEENS PARK RANGERS MIDDLESBROUGH		
L	ROTHERHAM UNITED SUNDERLAND		
M	STOKE CITY NORWICH CITY		
N	SWANSEA CITY LIVERPOOL		
O	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR ARSENAL		
P	WATFORD MANCHESTER UNITED		
Q	WEST BROMWICH A. BLACKBURN ROVERS		
R	WEST HAM UNITED EVERTON		
S	WOLVERHAMPTON W. LEEDS UNITED		
T	CHESTERFIELD PRESTON NORTH END		
U	LINCOLN CITY CHESTER		
V	MANSFIELD TOWN WIGAN ATHLETIC		
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